



15TH MAY 2026

# EAST-THE-WATER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Key Dates

Last day of school is  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Please see your fridge  
letter for other dates

We are incredible thankful to the Bideford Bridge Rotary Club and The Children's Book Project who donated hundreds of books for our pop-up book shop, allowing children to choose and keep two books each. There was a huge range of exciting books on offer and the children's smiling faces said it all. We had an amazing time and it was lovely to see lots of children sat in the sunshine reading their books at lunchtime.

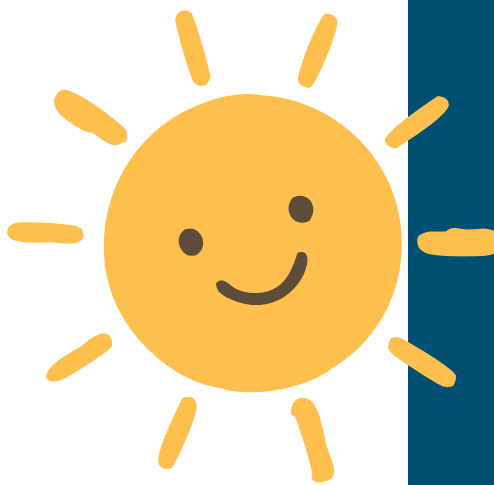




We would like to say a huge well done to all of our wonderful Year 6 children for giving their very best throughout the week. Mrs Davis and Mr Matthews are incredibly proud of the effort, determination and positive attitude you have shown. You should all feel very proud of yourselves.



Now it is time to relax, enjoy the moment and start looking forward to preparing for your leavers' assembly!



TEAM  
PTA

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the PTA, your help makes a real difference to our school.

Planning is underway for the Summer Fair, and we're always grateful for extra hands. If you can help in any way, please email [danieldalley@etwschool.com](mailto:danieldalley@etwschool.com).

We're also in the playground every Friday fundraising, with a range of treats on offer. Please come and say hi!

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## YEAR 3 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Pupils in Jellyfish Class have been learning about the importance of a varied diet and have designed a bread-based product for their lunchbox. They practised a variety of skills including cutting, slicing, grating and peeling and used these when creating their lunchbox item. Some children even chopped up some extra fruits and vegetables to have on the side to ensure they had included all of the food groups!





# Why is attendance important?



## Why Attendance Matters for the Whole Class

When children miss school:

- Teachers need to **repeat learning** to help pupils catch up
- **Group activities and discussions** may be disrupted
- Children can feel **less confident joining in**

Regular attendance helps every child in the class learn together.





## YEAR 5 BOAT BUILDING

Year 5 recently had a fantastic opportunity to take part in an exciting boat-building workshop hosted by SS Freshspring. A huge thank you also goes to Navantia Shipyard for generously providing the boat-building kits that made this wonderful experience possible.

The workshop gave the children a fantastic opportunity to become engineers for the day as they designed and built their own boats. It was wonderful to see the pupils so engaged in hands-on learning, using creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills to bring their ideas to life. Throughout the day, Year 5 showed great enthusiasm, determination, and maturity as they tackled challenges, tested designs, and supported one another. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, teamwork, and excitement they demonstrated throughout the experience.





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